



Northampton Parks & Recreation Coed Softball League - Fall 2023



NORTHAMPTON PARKS & RECREATION

League Director:

Brooke Fairman, Recreation Supervisor

League Runs:

Sunday, September 10 - October/early November

ENTRY FEE

A forfeit fee is built into the total league fee so the umpires are paid if a team forfeits. Teams that do not forfeit will receive the entire amount back at the end of the season.

League Fee: \$250.00 per Team
+ \$144.00 (Forfeit Fee)
= **\$394.00**

Each team must pay the umpire cash at the field. The fee is \$24.00 per team per game. During the playoff finals, the umpire fee is \$30.00 per team per game (two umpires per game).

Additional non-resident and/or extra player fees may apply. Refer to player eligibility section. All checks payable to NPRD. Any check returned will be subject to a \$25.00 service charge. Balances then must be paid in cash. Teams will be dropped from the league unless balance is paid in full.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The Northampton Parks & Recreation Department operations and programs are partially funded by City tax dollars. Therefore, non-residents must pay an additional fee for all programs.

Residents - Anybody whose primary residence is in or an individual who owns property in Northampton, Florence, or Leeds is considered a resident. Players who are trying to meet this requirement **must** have their residence or property listed on the roster so it can be confirmed. Teams that misrepresent addresses to meet the residency requirement may be dropped from the league.

Non-Residents - Anybody who does not live or own property in Northampton, Florence or Leeds. Non-residents must pay an additional **\$10.00** each.

There is a maximum of \$100.00 for all non-resident fees due per team other than entry and player fees.

Copies of proof residency must be submitted with team rosters for all new resident players.

Proof may consist of a copy of a pay stub, license, or a recent bill. Information must be current.

The Recreation Department may decide a player is "too talented" for the level of competition in the division and reserves the right to remove them from the roster. In this case, any non-resident fees involved will be refunded.

PLAYING TIMES & SITES

Days/Times*: Sundays, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Makeup games may be scheduled on weeknights and/or Saturdays to ensure games are completed in time.*

Locations: Ray Ellerbrook Field, 50 Burts Pit Road

Other fields may be used as needed.

ROSTERS

Please print or type clearly. All changes must be made in writing on the league Add/Drop Form and be accompanied with all appropriate fees and proof of residency as specified in the league rules. Players must provide complete addresses on rosters. Non-roster players found participating on teams will make teams forfeit the remainder of the season, including games played, with players suspended from future league play.

Player Add/Drop Deadline is Friday, October 6, 2023.

PLAYER CONDUCT AND SAFETY FORM

Regulations regarding player conduct and safety information are the responsibility of the team member. Please read them carefully. No team will be accepted unless these forms are signed by all players and turned in at the time of registration.

A copy will be made for the manager upon request.

SEASON SCHEDULES

Available by Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to share their season schedule with their team.

Season schedules will be emailed to each team manager and can also be found online. The link can be found on our website under the "Softball" tab.

Team balances must be paid in full and rosters and the manager signoff section of the Player Conduct Form must be submitted in order to receive the season schedule. Player signoffs must be submitted by each team's second game.

**Registration DEADLINE:
Thursday, August 24, 2023**

All fees, rosters, proof of residency and the manager signoff Player Conduct Form must be turned in by this time. Everything must be turned in together. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is limited space in the league.

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DIVISIONS

North and South

- North is more competitive than South.
- **Both divisions play a 10-12 game schedule (*depending on number of teams*) with double elimination playoffs.**
- Home team is responsible for keeping score.

Be sure to indicate your preference of division on your roster form. **The division your team plays in will be decided by Parks & Recreation staff and based on the number of teams in the league**, but your preference will be considered. Final team placements will be decided according to the roster each team submits. ***Final league standings/playoffs will be used to determine where teams play in future leagues/division.***

REQUESTS

Any date(s) your team cannot play must be clearly indicated when you turn in your information. Please indicate the days, dates, times on the front of your roster form. It is not guaranteed you won't play those dates, but we will try to accommodate requests. Double headers are possible to ensure all games are completed in time. We cannot schedule games around other town's leagues or tournaments. No games (regular season, playoffs or makeups) will be switched once they are scheduled. Playoffs will be scheduled immediately after the conclusion of regular season. **We cannot accommodate any scheduling requests for playoffs.** For teams who share players in both the Men's and Coed Leagues, we will do our best to avoid scheduling playoff games at conflicting times.

BATS

Bats must have **1.2BPF** printed on them. Only bats with **single wall construction** are allowed. Both of these must be printed on the bat and be visible. Do not paint or tape over them. Please be aware that our priority is safety.

No 100% composite bats will be allowed in the Coed League.

See additional sheet for a list of bats that are legal and can be used in our league, as well as a list for penalties. Email Brooke at bfairman@northamptonma.gov if you have questions about the legality of a bat.

Umpires have consent to check all bats prior to the start of the game. The bat list is always subject to change.

GAME SCORES

The winning team manager is responsible for updating the score on the website or contacting the Parks & Recreation Department with the game score within 24 hours of completion of the game. It is important to stay on top of this as it is difficult at the end of the season to try to find all of the scores.

HOME RUN RULE

Teams at Maines Field are allowed only **5 home runs** per game. The homerun limit also applies to homeruns hit into the woods at Ellerbrook Field. All subsequent home runs after this limit has been reached will result in an out.

RESERVING PRACTICE FIELDS

Teams who have registered, paid in full and turned in all rosters/forms may reserve practice fields as soon as the DPW deem them playable. A team may reserve two practice times at a time. Additional fields can only be reserved after the two dates have passed.

You may reserve a field by calling the Recreation Department at 413-587-1040 or stopping by the office. If you have made your reservation by phone, you can pick up your field permit before your scheduled time if you would like so if someone else is on the field, you can show them you have it reserved.

PLAYER'S POOL

If you are interested in playing in our Adult Softball League but do not yet have a team, we can add your name to our Player's Pool. This list will be distributed to team managers who are looking for additional players to complete their rosters for the season.

If you are interested in adding your name to the Player's Pool, please complete the form [found here](#). As a reminder, players can only play for one team per league in a given season.

MANAGERS - If you are seeking additional players for your team, please consider individuals from our player's pool. We will receive many more names to add to this pool. An updated list may be received from the Parks & Recreation Office during the player Add/Drop period. Please call the office if you add one of these players to your team so we remove their name from the pool.

